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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 24, 2003 in the above-captioned application, and in consideration of the filing of the request for continuing examination, please enter the following amendments and remarks. This amendment is being submitted in accordance with the recently approved new format approved by the USPTO. See the Announcement dated January 31, 2003 on the U.S.P.T.O. website under Pre-OG Notices entitled, "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."

In the Claims

2 Please cancel claims 33-50 without prejudice.

1. (Currently Amended) An array comprising a plurality of biological membrane

microspots stably associated with a surface of a substrate, wherein the substrate is adapted such that the microspots remain adsorbed when drawn through an air-water interface.

2. (Original) The array of claim 1, wherein the biological membrane microspots comprise a membrane bound protein.